

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 21 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claim 1 for the pending claim 1:

A1
sub B7
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1. (Once amended) A method of preventing damage to the excitable cells of a patient that express a transient potassium (K^+) conductance which comprises administering to said patient during or after said patient undergoes or has undergone an ischemic event, an effective amount of a compound which increases a transient potassium (K^+) current in said excitable cells of said patient.

Please substitute the following claim 4 for the pending claim 4:

A2
4. (Once amended) The method of preventing damage to the excitable cells of a patient as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transient K^+ current is I_A .